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1. Charles Gati: All That NATO Can Be: To Prague and Beyond

NATIONAL INTEREST (Summer 2002)

"Since September 11, senior American policymakers have been understandably focused on the war against terrorism-an effort that fixes their gaze on the Middle East and Central Asia, terror cells in western Europe and Southeast Asia, and the exigencies of homeland security. In their peripheral vision, they remain aware of other major zones of policy concern: Russia, China and Taiwan, the Balkans (still), and even the occasional bout of dyspepsia in places such as Argentina and Venezuela..."

2. Johanna McGeary: The New Realities Of Terror; A hotel bombing in Kenya, a missile attack on an Israeli civilian jet TIME MAGAZINE (December 9, 2002)

"Israeli pilot Rafi Marek was 90 seconds into his flight from Mombasa, Kenya, at about 3,000 ft., when he felt an unexpected thump. He thought it was the impact of a bird hitting the fuselage of his Arkia charter Boeing 757 carrying 261 Israelis home from a beach vacation. But he wondered if something far more frightening might have been after his plane when crew members spotted two white stripes of smoke..."

3. The Economist: The Antikythera mechanism: The clockwork computer

THE ECONOMIST (September 19, 2002)

"When a Greek sponge diver called Elias Stadiatos discovered the wreck of a cargo ship off the tiny island of Antikythera in 1900, it was the statues lying on the seabed that made the greatest impression on him... [T]he most important finds proved to be a few green, corroded lumps—the last remnants of an elaborate mechanical device."

4. Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Hilton L. Root: <u>The Political Roots of Poverty: The Economic Logic of Autocracy</u> NATIONAL INTEREST (Summer 2002)

"The events of September 11, 2001 have led, among many other things, to the revival of an old debate about the relationship between poverty and political extremism. To get at the root of apocalyptic terrorism, many new initiatives to reduce global poverty have been proposed. British International Development Secretary Clare Short advocates a massive international effort to stop poor countries from becoming breeding grounds for terrorism..."

5. Kim Willsher: Viva La Diva

THE MAIL ON SUNDAY (October 13, 2002)

"Twenty-five years after Maria Callas's tragic death, she remains the consummate opera singer. Now a new film by acclaimed director Franco Zeffirelli is about to make her a star again. The legendary opera singer Maria Callas died, alone and friendless, in her Paris apartment 25 years ago. Her extraordinary voice had gone, as had the love of her life, the Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis, who had so cruelly dumped her for Jacqueline Kennedy..."

6. David Baran: Iraq: The Party in Power

LE MONDE DIPLOMATIQUE (December, 2002)

"The Ba'ath party polices Iraq for Saddam Hussein, as much informally as formally. It is cited by foreign governments as a major power, but few know how it is organised and how much support it genuinely has, as opposed to lipservice from ordinary Iraqis who need its approval to get by..."



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